

The Gospel

I. Introduction:

A. The Importance of the Subject:

1. The Need for Biblical Clarity in a Post-Modern Society
 - a. There is no absolute truth
 - b. Facts and falsehoods are interchangeable
 - c. Frustrated with modern thinking
 - d. Rationalism is the norm
 - e. Globalism is more important than nationalism
 - f. All religions deserve equal recognition
 - g. Morality is individualistic
2. Since Eternity is in view, getting it right has important ramifications

B. Words, Words, Words - Use of Key words in the NT

1. Gospel of the Kingdom - 5 times
2. Kingdom of Heaven - 32 times (Only in Matthew)
3. Kingdom of God - 69 times
4. Gospel - 83 times
5. The Everlasting Gospel - 1 time (Rev 14:6-7)

II. The Need for Consistency

A. The Everlasting Gospel - Rev 14:6-7

1. Fear God - Pr 23:17 - Characteristics of the Fear of the Lord
 - a. The Beginning of Wisdom - Job 28:28; Ps 111:10; Pr 1:7; 9:10; 15:33
 - b. To Hate or Depart from Evil - Job 28:28; Pr 8:13; 16:6
 - c. Clean, Endures - Ps 19:9
 - d. Assurance - Pr 14:26
 - e. Fountain of life - Pr 14:27; 19:23; 22:4
 - e. Calls one to Come to Him - Ps 66:16; 34:11
 - f. Calls one to Hear Him - Ps 34:11; 66:16; Ac 13:16
 - g. Giving Testimony - Ps 66:16;
 - h. Keep His Commandments - Ps 111:10; Ec 12:13; 1Pe 2:17

- i. It will Prolong days, be well - Pr 10:27; 15:16; 19:23; Ec 8:12
2. Give Him Glory - Characteristics and Understanding
 - a. to Acknowledge Value, - Ge 31:1; Es 5:11; Ps 29:1-2; Ro 1:21; 2 Co 10:17
 - b. To declare His To works - 1 Chr 16:23-34; 29:11; Gal 6:14
 - c. To recognize one's need of God - Ps 3:3; 16:8-9; 62:7; 1 Co 1:29; 2Th 2:13-14
3. Worship Him
 - a. *proskuneo* - (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):--worship.
 - b. To do as God has Commanded
 - i. works - Ge 22:1-5
 - ii. In showing respect to - Ps 29:2; 66:4; 86:9; 95:6; 96:9; Jo 4:23-24
 - c. Why?
 - i. b/c He is the Creator - who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water - Ge 1:1; Ps 8:3; 33:6; 89:11-12; 102:25; 136:5; 146:6; Isa 40:21; 44:24; Jer 10:12; 51:15; Zec 12:1; Jo 1:3; Ac 14:15; 17:24; Col 1:16-17; Heb 11:3; Re 4:11; 10:6
 - ii. b/c He is the Maintainer of His creation - Col 1:17; Heb 1:3; Rev 4:11

B. All Understanding of the Gospel Must Include These Elements

1. The everlasting Gospel - *aionios* - perpetual, eternal, for ever, everlasting,
2. Any true Gospel will bring man to
 - a. A respect of the person of God
 - i. an awe of God,
 - ii. a recognition of his unworthiness,
 - b. An Exaltation of God
 - c. A Humbling of Man